



# WEST BROOKFIELD

## Worcester County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

West Brookfield is a mostly residential community located twenty miles west of Worcester. The town has several light manufacturing companies who employ people from the area. The town has several recreational facilities, including Lake Wickaboag, that will handle boating and swimming, Little League baseball on the Town Common and the Rock House nature walk. West Brookfield is located on Route 9 and is about twenty minutes from Olde Sturbridge Village.

The school system is regionalized, from K-12 with the Town of Warren, to form the Quaboag Regional School District.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Central Massachusetts, bordered by New Braintree on the north, North Brookfield on the east, Brookfield on the south, and Warren and Ware on the west. West Brookfield is about 20 miles west of Worcester, 30 miles northeast of Springfield, 60 miles west of Boston, and about 165 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 21.12 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 20.48 sq. miles

**Population:** 3,532

**Density:** 172 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(East Brimfield Lake Station)

Normal temperature in January.....21.5°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.3°F

Normal annual precipitation.....45.0"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Ware, Warren, East Brookfield, North Brookfield

## Regional Planning Agency

Central Massachusetts

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Worcester



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 867-6874

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1848

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%
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Total Registered 2,076

Democrats 473 22.8 % Republicans 338 16.3 % Other parties 0 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 1,265 60.9 %

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: West Brookfield town, Worcester County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	3,804	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	3,804	100.0
Male.....	1,710	45.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	40	1.1
Female.....	2,094	55.0	Mexican.....	4	0.1
Under 5 years.....	193	5.1	Puerto Rican.....	17	0.4
5 to 9 years.....	204	5.4	Cuban.....	3	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	300	7.9	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	16	0.4
15 to 19 years.....	262	6.9	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	3,764	98.9
20 to 24 years.....	116	3.0	White alone.....	3,711	97.6
25 to 34 years.....	346	9.1	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	633	16.6	Total population.....	3,804	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	569	15.0	In households.....	3,445	90.6
55 to 59 years.....	219	5.8	Householder.....	1,362	35.8
60 to 64 years.....	167	4.4	Spouse.....	809	21.3
65 to 74 years.....	274	7.2	Child.....	1,034	27.2
75 to 84 years.....	275	7.2	Own child under 18 years.....	819	21.5
85 years and over.....	246	6.5	Other relatives.....	99	2.6
Median age (years).....	42.6	(X)	Under 18 years.....	39	1.0
18 years and over.....	2,932	77.1	Nonrelatives.....	141	3.7
Male.....	1,288	33.9	Unmarried partner.....	75	2.0
Female.....	1,644	43.2	In group quarters.....	359	9.4
21 years and over.....	2,823	74.2	Institutionalized population.....	350	9.2
62 years and over.....	894	23.5	Noninstitutionalized population.....	9	0.2
65 years and over.....	795	20.9	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	251	6.6	Total households.....	1,362	100.0
Female.....	544	14.3	Family households (families).....	965	70.9
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	458	33.6
One race.....	3,772	99.2	Married-couple family.....	809	59.4
White.....	3,734	98.2	With own children under 18 years.....	358	26.3
Black or African American.....	12	0.3	Female householder, no husband present.....	118	8.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	9	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	74	5.4
Asian.....	9	0.2	Nonfamily households.....	397	29.1
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	321	23.6
Chinese.....	3	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	141	10.4
Filipino.....	4	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	489	35.9
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	336	24.7
Korean.....	-	-	Average household size.....	2.53	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.01	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	2	0.1	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	0.1	Total housing units.....	1,534	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	1,362	88.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	172	11.2
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	2	0.1	occasional use.....	98	6.4
Some other race.....	6	0.2	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	32	0.8	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	6.1	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	1,362	100.0
White.....	3,764	98.9	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,063	77.3
Black or African American.....	20	0.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	309	22.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	21	0.6	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.68	(X)
Asian.....	12	0.3	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.03	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	3	0.1			
Some other race.....	17	0.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 54

Conventional Federal: 0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP): 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Located in the Worcester area, which has three major cross-state highways: the Worcester Turnpike (Route 9), Route 20, and the Massachusetts Turnpike. I-495 borders to the east, I-190 links to the Fitchburg-Leominster area, I-84 and I-395 connect to Connecticut and points south. The region is well connected by rail and highway to the ports, airports, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 9, the cross-state Worcester Turnpike, and 67.

### Rail

Conrail provides freight service to West Brookfield. Contact number: (617) 783-6222

### Bus

West Brookfield is a member of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) but does not receive services.

### Other

The Worcester Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial (PR) facility with scheduled passenger service, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 5,500' and 6,999' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



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# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

## MUSEUMS

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

Quaboag Nursing Home

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

Brook Haven Rest Home

Westbrook Heights Rest Home

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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